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Burt DeLambert  
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Dear Burt:

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Oil Sands, Inc. P.R. Spring Mine Water Monitoring Plan filed with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and approved by that agency.

We are very disappointed in the report and conclusions. We are even more disappointed that U.S. Oil Sands did not accept our offer to talk with them in the process of making the plan or, at least the opportunity to make comments to them about your views on the problem of how their operation has affected your water. As it turns out the plan and the accompanying report completely ignores the concern connecting the mine and your water.

The first paragraph of the plan states:

"the purpose of the monitoring program is to provide short and long term data to show De Minimus impact to the ground water system as a result of mining operations."

It should be no surprise to us to see that the plan and the report is more a partisan brief to argue there is no impact on your water from the mine, than a plan to determine what impacts the mine could be having on your water supply. The report entirely ignores Dr. Johnson's report findings and tries to knock down a straw man position that you or others have never thought the cause of the loss of water in your springs.

The plan skips over the real issue which is "what is causing the loss of water in your (decades old) springs." Instead the plan assumes that the mine has no impact on the springs. That assumption is contrary to the facts that the loss of water coincides with the drilling and mine development. Also similar impacts are not happening to other springs in the area.

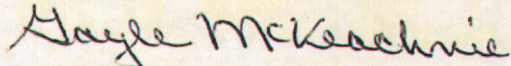


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Please look this over and let's talk about possible steps to  
be taken

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gayle McKeachnie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gayle F. McKeachnie

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xc: April Abate, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Bob Leake